



Tempe Art in Private Development



Kyrene Self Storage

6505 S. Kyrene Rd.

Cooper Downs

*The Transformation:
Eagle into Armed Warrior,
2001*

Corten steel, automotive paint

Artist Website:

www.cooperdownsgallery.com

Photo: Craig Smith

Description: This 7 x 8 foot sculpture demonstrates the transformation the Native American warrior went through to become the warrior that would fight to the death to defend his people, their property, and their rights. The Spirit of the great eagle would invade the warrior and he would be able to see over all that lay below him, to swoop down and devour the enemy. This artwork depicts the inner soul of transformation between a mere man and a “warrior man-eagle”. This is the in-between stage when man is alone with himself, putting aside all doubt, fear and anxiety, and becoming more than himself.

Artist biography: Cooper Downs has been an artist all of his life. Whether in the role of an architect, or engaged in various mediums of creating art, he has always found peace and joy within himself when creating. Downs graduated from Arizona State University in 1963 majoring in architecture with a minor in art. He was blessed to have some of the world’s most creative artists/architects inspire and influence him while at ASU. He became intensely interested in the relationships found in nature, which later would evolve into a foundation for all of his artwork. This foundation is based upon the Golden Section and the Fibonacci Series which is found everywhere in nature.

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